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11. (C) On May 17, Poloff delivered reftel message to Charalambos Hadjisavvas, who follows Middle Eastern issues in the MFA's office of bilateral affairs. Hadjisavvas said that the ROC will not issue a unilateral statement condemning human rights violations in Syria. Cyprus would, however, support whatever position emerged as the EU consensus. SCHLICHER